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PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF SPECIES AND THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Commissioner for Patents:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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16. (Twice amended) A method for identifying a member of a mass-coded combinatorial library which is a ligand for a <u>first</u> biomolecule, said mass-coded